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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6805

BILL NUMBER: SB 494

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 26, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: County Commissioner Districts.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Waltz

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires county commissioner districts in certain counties to contain, as nearly as possible, equal population.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The county executive currently divides the county into three districts based on contiguity and compactness. Under the bill, the districts would also be divided based on population, requiring redistricting whenever a new official census is made, at least every 10 years. Costs involved in redistricting include software or hardware, training, public hearings, and possible litigation. The actual costs incurred will vary by county.

Background - One factor in drawing county council districts is population and county council districts are drawn by the county executive. These two factors could minimize costs for redistricting county executive districts.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: All counties excluding Lake, Marion, and St. Joseph Counties.

Information Sources:

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